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private tuition, but it is only an attempt to regulate private tuition in such a way that it may not be abused as it has been done in certain cases to-day."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of permitting two private tuitions at least for each private teacher in order to enable them to supplement their meagre salaries? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " It is already permitted in local bodies ; but the unfortunate thing is that in many cases, it has not been restrained and cases have come to our notice where teachers have had something like sixty private tuitions, and when they come to the school, they come dead tired, and they come to school only to take rest. Several such cases have happened and they have made it necessary for the Government to go into the matter, so that they may have legitimate private tuition but the work of the schools may not on that account suffer."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" If a teacher came to school without food, he might also be dead tired? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Yes, Sir ; we are trying to pay them salaries which as far as possible are consistent with the work they are expected to do."

The medium of instruction in Educational Institutions.

* 117 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of India have communicated their resolution defining their policy regarding the medium of instruction in educational institutions;

(*b*) whether the resolution commends the principle that a child should be instructed in the early stage of his education through the medium of the mother-tongue; and

(*c*) whether in view of the decision of the Government of India, the Government will substitute mother-tongue wherever regional language occurs in their orders?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes ; but the resolution itself points out that it is subject to certain administrative conveniences.

" (*c*) The matter is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that there is a great deal of criticism against the policy of the Government in using the words " regional language," will the Hon. Minister consider it desirable to use the words " mother-tongue " as the Government of India themselves seem to have recommended the use of the words " mother-tongue ? "

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"No, Sir; the Government of India themselves say that for elementary schools as far as possible, wherever it is administratively possible, we may give instruction in the mother-tongue; but for secondary schools they do not say so, they use the words 'regional language' in their case."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I request the Government to publish the resolution of the communication issued by the Government of India, so that we may know where we stand?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I think it was published in the Press some time ago."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What is the regional language for Madras City?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"That question has been answered once before."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know what the regional language for Bellary is?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I think that question does not arise; and certainly it does not arise out of this question."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Does not the resolution of Government of India say categorically that no child under twelve years of age should be compelled to read a second language?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I could not categorically say 'yes' to this; but if a separate question is put, Sir, it will be answered."

Proposal to build pre-fabricated houses.

*118 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Firka Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the Press Reports (e.g., The "Hindu" of 3rd August 1948) that the Government of India were starting a factory for building pre-fabricated houses;

(*b*) whether the Government have obtained any information from the Government of India as to the size and cost of mass-produced pre-fabricated houses; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of starting a similar factory in Madras for making pre fabricated houses?

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, the Government have seen reports in the Press.

"(*b*) The Government of India have been addressed for the details of the scheme and their reply is awaited.